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Spc. Ben Hutto

## Dragon company trains, takes to the sky

*Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, practice getting off a Blackhawk UH-60 during a training exercise at Fort Benning, Ga., March 21. The Soldiers completed a mock air assault at the Shelby Range later that evening. See story on page 3A.*

## 3rd ID joins campaign against sexual assault

**Lynda Purcell**  
*ACS Marketing*

The month of April is being recognized throughout the Army as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This observance was created to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence in the U.S.

Every servicemember, starting with senior leadership, must understand the importance of safely intervening and preventing the crime of sexual assault.

This includes immediately stopping any form of sexual harassment, which applies all the way down to an inappropriate comment, joke, or gesture.

“Our Strength is for Defending” is the theme for this month-long campaign. The goal of this campaign is to foster an awareness of the impact sexual assault has on every community, facilitate an awareness of the availability of health services created to offer care and support to victims and survivors of sexual assault, and to encouraging community-wide prevention.

Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion joined Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews as they signed the SAAM Proclamation, March 30.

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## 1/3 BSTB earns 180-day Alcohol Free Streamer

**Pfc. Jared S. Eastman**  
*1HBCT Public Affairs*

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Brigade, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, have more than 100 safety days to be proud about; on March 27, the company

received the 180 Days, DUI and Alcohol Incident Free streamer outside the Raider Dining Facility. The streamer was presented to them by 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews.

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## 260th QM inducts 25 new NCOs

**Sgt. First Class Rhonda M. Lawson**  
*3rd Sustainment Bde Public Affairs*

“Sergeant major, I didn’t feel this special before today. The NCO Induction Ceremony made me feel like I was someone special; that it was special becoming a noncommissioned officer.”

These were some of the last words 3rd Sustainment Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Clifton Johnson said an NCO told him just days before he and a

fellow inductee were killed in combat. The NCO was a part of a group of sergeants who had just been inducted into the NCO Corps while in Iraq.

Johnson, who was the guest speaker for the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade’s NCO induction ceremony at the Hunter Army Airfield Theater, said those words stuck with him because the NCOs died knowing they were a part of a great tradition.

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J. Elise Van Poole

## 2 BCT cooks serve it hot!

*Private First Class Clyde Elliot, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, slices prime rib for Soldiers participating in convoy resupply livefire training at aerial gunnery range one on Fort Stewart. See story on page 9A.*

## 4 BCT hosts marrow donor drive

3rd ID Public Affairs

The 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, in conjunction with the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program, is sponsoring a Marrow Donor Registration Drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday at Fort Stewart in the 3/7 Inf. Classroom, building 522.

A Soldier from 3/7 Inf. was recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. He is married and the father

of five children.

Members of his unit, in conjunction with a Department of Defense sponsored program, are sponsoring a marrow donor registration drive to help this Soldier and his Family.

Registration is free and open to anyone between the age of 18 to 60 who is in good health. Registrants must give an oral swab sample and sign a consent form.

For more information, please contact Capt. Turnquist at 912 435-5257 or the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-MARROW-3.



# Marne 7 commends Soldier safety

**Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews**  
*3rd ID Command Sgt. Maj.*

My battle buddy and I want to commend leaders and Soldiers at every level who are doing the right things and keeping safety paramount in their lives. We at the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have not loss a Soldier to a fatal accident in more than 100 days.

This milestone earned the division a training holiday. More importantly, it shows how supervisors are showing genuine concern for their Soldiers by enforcing the basic rules that govern us all.

Remember that safety is everyone's responsibility, and we need Family Members and Civilians who work on our installations to stay alert and obey all laws and traffic signs on and off post. If the

speed limit is 35, then drive 35. Don't use a cellphone while driving unless you have a hands-free device. Clean your car's windshield. Wear your seatbelt, and don't play loud music. It's prohibited for your music to be audible more than 50 feet from your car. Also, headphones are only authorized to be worn on a track while outside.

Major General Tony Cucolo and I both agree that everyone on post has the authority to make on-the-spot corrections. If you see an unsafe act – stop it. Once we let a substandard act take place, we've accepted another standard – a lower one.

Individually, we can possibly save a life



a day just by disciplining ourselves not to cut corners and having the fortitude to speak up against negligence. If you're 21 years old or older, don't participate in or condone under-age drinking. In the midst of the Division surpassing 100 fatality-free days, it is still accumulating driving under the influence violations. Strong, positive leadership is needed to end this

disease that is spreading in our ranks.

Fortunately, there are Soldiers who are serving as role models, and my battle buddy and I recognized their self-discipline with a DUI and Alcohol Incident Free streamer. Congratulations to the high-speed Soldiers in Company B, 1st Brigade, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 1st

Heavy Brigade Combat Team; Company C, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd BCT and 293rd Military Police Company.

There's no end to the list of cautions we all need to be aware of, especially now that the weather is getting warmer.

There's a renewed energy to do more outside, but don't let fun overshadow common sense. Maintaining standards lead to good habits.

Supervisors, don't cheat your Soldiers. For every training holiday, properly conduct safety briefs and vehicle inspections. Don't tolerate laziness and misconduct, and don't fear using reprimand as a deterrent.

Good job everyone on this outstanding milestone. Now all of us as leaders, parents and friends, let's work together to keep our loved ones safe and alive another day.

## STREAMER

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Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

**Third Infantry Division Commanding General Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews award B Co., 1-3 STB, 1HBCT the 6-month DUI-free streamer at the Raider Dining Facility, March 27.**

## PROCLAMATION

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"We need to stop sexual harassment all the way down to the look, down to the leer," said Cucolo.

The proclamation highlighted the command's support and determination to put an end to sexual harassment and any behaviors associated with it.

Throughout the month of April, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have several SAAM planned events aimed at creating awareness of and preventing sexual assault. A free movie, "Open Window" will be shown at the Hunter Theater Monday and April 20, and at Stewart's Woodruff Theater on April 8, April 15, and April 29. The movie, rated R, stars Robin Tunney and Joel Edgerton as a newly-engaged couple who find their world shattered by a random act of violence. The haunting drama also stars Cybill Shepherd, Elliott Gould and Scott Wilson as the parents who struggle in their individual ways to help their children. All showings begin at 6 p.m.

Other SAAM events include Self-Defense Classes for female teens and women from 6-9 p.m., April 14 and April 27 at Stewart, and April 16 and April 29 at Hunter.

Wear jeans on "Denim Day" as a visible sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual assault, April 22 at Stewart and

April 23 at Hunter.

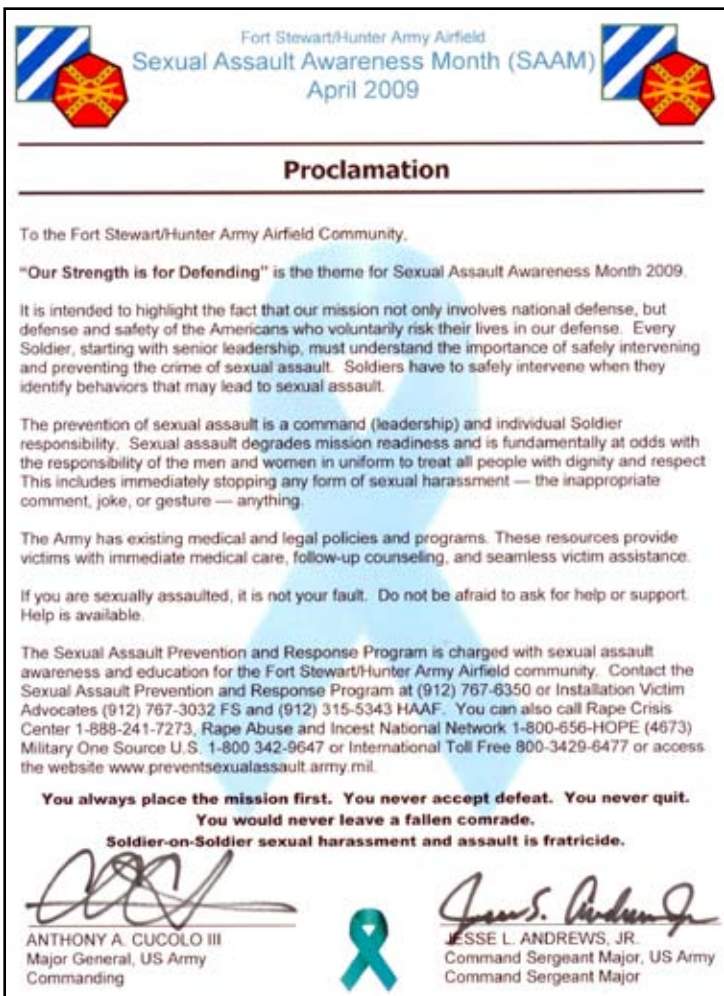
Join in "Take Back The Night," a walk against violence scheduled in conjunction with Denim Day, April 22 at Stewart's Southern Oaks Community Center and April 23 at New Gannem

Community Center, both beginning at 6 p.m.

Also to promote awareness and prevention of sexual assault, ribbons and bookmarks will be distributed to vehicles at installation gates, information booths will be displayed at various locations both on and off post, and Marne TV will broadcast interviews and news sto-

ries on sexual assault topics.

For more information about the Stewart-Hunter Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, call 767-6350 or contact the Installation Victim Advocates by calling 767-3032 at Stewart or 315-5343 at Hunter. You can also call the Rape Crisis Center at (888)342-9647, or you can access the Army's website [www.preventsexualassault.army.mil](http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil).



Dianne Johnson

**Soldiers from the 3rd ID STB joined Commanding General Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews for the signing of the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation, March 30. Their signatures represented the command's support of raising awareness of sexual assault and preventing all acts associated with the offense.**

## This week in Marne History: *Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Earns the Medal of Honor in OIF I*

**Dr. Judith Brown**  
*Fort Stewart Museum*

Six years ago this week, March 29-April 4, 2003, the 3rd Infantry Division was spearheading the attack on Saddam Hussein and his regime in Operation Iraqi Freedom. On March 19, OIF began. The next day, 3rd ID troops crossed the border from Kuwait into Iraq. By March 30, the 3rd ID advanced to within 50 miles of Baghdad and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team captured a bridge over the Euphrates at Al Handiyah and engineers cleared the bridge of explosives. By April 4, the 3rd ID took Saddam Hussein International Airport west of Baghdad, renamed it Baghdad International Airport, and added another name to the list of 3rd ID Soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor.

Paul Ray Smith was a man who found his life's work in the military. Born on September 24, 1969, in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Tampa, Florida, he graduated from Tampa Bay Vocational Tech High School in 1989. He then joined the Army. Over the next thirteen years he rose to the rank of sergeant first class, was married, and became the father of a son and stepdaughter. In addition to OIF, Smith served in Operation Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

The fighting on April 4 that resulted in the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith began the

day before.

On April 3, after moving through the Karbala Gap and seizing a bridge over the Euphrates at Yasin al Khudayr, the 3rd ID's 1st BCT reached Saddam International Airport west of the city. There, it surprised the Republican Guard units defending it and heavy fighting broke out. One of the subordinate units of the 1BCT was the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment; supporting 2/7 Inf. was Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion, commanded by Smith.

In the heavy fighting that continued on April 4 elements of 1BCT seized the airport. During this time B Co., 11th Eng. was given the job of creating a holding area for Iraqi prisoners. Near the airport, Smith and his men began forming into a Prisoners of War facility. They knocked a hole in the south wall of the courtyard and found that 50-100 Iraqi troops were in position in trenches outside a north wall gate.

Smith organized a defense with a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and three nearby M113 Armored Personnel Carriers. During the fight, one APC was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, and all three crewmen were injured. Smith oversaw their evacuation while fighting with hand grenades and anti-tank weapons.

At that point, some Iraqis took up positions in the tower that overlooked the west wall of the courtyard. The Americans were subjected to crossfire from the trenches

and the tower. Smith took over one of the APCs that was damaged and ordered the driver to position it so that he could fire at both the trenches and the tower with the APC's machine gun. Alone, he stood at his post while his Soldiers handed up ammunition to him. He went through three boxes of ammunition. As the 12-hour battle ended, Smith's machine gun went silent. His battle armor had stopped 13 bullets, but could not protect him from a mortal shot to the neck.

During the battle, Smith wrote an e-mail to his parents that said, "There are two ways to come home: stepping off the plane and being carried off the plane. It doesn't matter how I come home, because I am prepared to give all that I am to ensure that all my boys make it home." Smith's actions ensured that 100 American Soldiers did come home and showed that he belonged to the highest traditions of the Soldiers of the 3rd ID.



Courtesy Photo

**Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith**





Photos by Spc. Ben Hutto

**Soldiers from B Co., 1/15 Inf., 3rd HBCT, pull security during a training exercise at the Shelby Range site at Fort Benning, Ga., March 21. The site features a mock Middle Eastern town that allows Soldiers to train in a realistic environment.**

# Realistic training takes Dragons to battle

**Spc. Ben Hutto**  
*3rd HBCT Public Affairs*

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** - The adrenaline builds as the Blackhawk UH-60 takes off. As the helicopter rises and surges forward, Soldiers keep going over the mission in their head to make sure they have it down. Adrenaline makes them bounce their legs up and down and fiddle with their weapons in anticipation. As the helicopter starts to descend, everyone tenses up and prepares to file out as quickly as possible. It's organized chaos.

Master Sergeant Troy Moore, the former first sergeant of A Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, called piling off a transport helicopter during an air assault mission the most exciting 30 seconds in the Army.

Sergeant Richard Whittenberger, a team leader in Company B, 1/15 Inf., agrees.

"It's addicting," he said. "You know when you land you're hitting your objective quick. There is nothing like it."

One of the problems he and the other noncommissioned officers in the 1/15 Inf. have is replicating the experience to train their subordinates who have never experienced it.

"You can drill it all day, but you have to actually do it to understand it fully," he said.

The Soldiers of B Co. got to experience riding in a Blackhawk UH-60 when they conducted air assault training at the Shelby Range training site on Fort Benning, Ga., March 21.

The site simulates the smells, sounds and arrangement of a typical Middle Eastern town and allows units like the 1/15 Inf. to conduct realistic training scenarios to better prepare them for deployment.

"I think the training is great," said Sgt. Jonathin Morgan, a team leader in B Co., 1/15 Inf. "I think we

got a lot out of it at every level. Leaders got a chance to see how their Soldiers performed and see what they did well and what they need to work on. Soldiers got the chance to operate in a 360-degree environment."

Morgan explained that the training at Shelby Village allowed his Soldiers to employ all of their trained skills in a real-time environment against a live, thinking enemy.

"That training is more realistic than a lot of the training we do," he said. "Not everyone in a room we went into was a pop-up target. Soldiers had to do everything from interacting with civilians to choosing sectors of fire. It gave them a real feel of what they could encounter overseas."

According to Morgan and Whittenberger, the training also allowed them to evaluate the Soldiers in their platoon who haven't deployed.

"Training like this allows us to fix something, so it doesn't become a bad habit," said Whittenberger. "We can teach a guy that is pausing before he goes into a room or who is hesitant to pull the trigger what to do before we arrive in country, because by then, it's too late."

One of the things about the training exercise that impressed both NCOs was how quickly their new Soldiers have picked up on things.

"To be honest, they haven't made that many mistakes," said Morgan. "I'd say after the first 30 minutes, they had everything down. I was really impressed."

As the 3rd HBCT's next deployment gets closer, both NCOs think that situation-based training, like Shelby Range, will enable them to better able to perform their mission.

"Training like this is fun, but it makes you better," said Morgan. "In my opinion, we can't get enough of it. I'd have us do something like it every week if it was up to me."



**A Soldier in B Co., 1/15 Inf., 3rd HBCT, searches an enemy combatant for weapons during a training exercise at the Shelby Range site at Fort Benning, Ga., March 21. The site features a mock Middle Eastern town that simulates the sights, sounds and smells that Soldiers may experience when they deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan.**



**Using a smoke grenade as cover, Soldiers from B Co., 1/15 Inf., 3rd HBCT, 3rd ID, leap over a wall during a training exercise at the Shelby Range site at Fort Benning, Ga., March 21. The site allows Soldiers to train in a realistic setting that forces them to make real-time decisions.**



# Barracks Life: Embracing Film in the Twilight

**Pfc. Jared S. Eastman**  
*1HBCT Public Affairs*

All right barracks rats. Hold the groans and tears of joy, because Twilight is out on DVD and, for you lucky PlayStation 3 owners, Blu-ray starting last week.

Naturally, every male's lady-friend probably already owns the movie, but that doesn't mean you can't impress her with your sensitive side and knowledge of the female mind

by sitting down with her to watch it. Here is a tip to get you through the movie - it doesn't last forever. Think of it as a twenty-five mile march or an eight-hour convoy, and put that 'I will never quit' line from the Warrior Ethos to good use.

Another way to get yourself through the movie is to notice every single mistake that has been made. Of course, you should refrain from mentioning this to the person clutching the pillow to her chest as she

cries over some sad moment. Although some guys out there may enjoy the movie and the sequels that are bound to follow, there are a few things everyone should keep in mind about the modern movie market.

There are three things every romantic-female-teen movie has: "creative" cinematography, supernatural beings and an ordinary person falling butt-backwards into something extraordinary without any

work. Of course, every movie has its place, and almost every movie has its guidelines for success in the summer blockbuster market; but, for the same price as buying the 8-disk special feature collection of Twilight or going to the newest Tyler Perry or Seth Rogan she-nanigan at the theater, one can go to the library on post or even a rental store and pick out an old classic. Instead of, "let's go see the newest computer

graphic explosion," maybe you should say, "Let's order Chinese and watch old kung fu flicks into the night," or, "Let's watch all the black and white B-grade horror movies that made the genre what it is today." The next big CG movie will always be there, and it will always be better: bigger explosions, more bullet time, more unrealistic acrobatics. Those are always good and amazing, but so is the \$1.50 three-movie kung fu DVD at Wally World.

# VCSA Sends: Stay 'Army Strong' during economic downturn

**Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli**  
*Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army*

We are all aware that the nation is in an economic downturn, and this downturn is impacting Soldiers and Families across the Army. Unfortunately, some Soldiers may be hesitant to ask for help, even though they may be under a tremendous amount of stress.

One area that is of particular concern is the housing situation. Many people across the U.S., including Soldiers and their Families, are unable

to sell their homes or they have had to rent them at a loss. Others are being forced to move on short notice as landlords face foreclosure.

We need to understand how this problem impacts our Soldiers and their Families, and we need to make sure we are doing everything we can to help them. We need to be proactive and communicate with Soldiers, and be prepared to address not only this issue, but other stressors that might be affecting them during these challenging times. Finally, we need to be sensitive to the personal nature of these

issues and protect individuals' privacy.

Those who need help may be unaware of the support and resources available to them. I encourage you to take time to notify Soldiers about Army Community Service Financial Counselors, Army Emergency Relief, the Chaplain's Office and Housing Services Office.

The Army is in the process of developing a training package for commanders and an information packet for Soldiers that will identify all available programs. The Army is also

working with the Office of the Secretary of Defense to develop a Housing Assistance Plan authorized by provisions in the recent Stimulus at (Public Law 111-5).

When Soldiers are distracted by personal problems, financial or otherwise, it diminishes their quality of life and their ability to focus on the mission at hand, and impacts overall unit readiness. As leaders we must always remember our primary responsibility to take care of Soldiers and their Families.

Army Strong!

# Keep children safe: Preventing infant heat-related injuries, deaths

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Problem:** *Children die each year from heat-stroke, after being left alone in a vehicle.*

Many parents live by their daily routine to get things done. However, when a childcare routine changes, they run the risk of making a fatal mistake.

Children can be left in the back of vehicles when the day-to-day plan changes. This can and does happen when you break a well-established routine. This may also occur when a parent is on their way home and realizes that he or she needs to make a "quick stop" along the way, thinking, "I'll just run into the store for a minute."

Even cool temperatures in the 60s can cause the temperature to rise well above 110° Fahrenheit inside your car. The inside temperature can rise almost 20 degrees within the first 10 minutes.

Some children die in hot cars after climbing into an unlocked vehicle without an adults' knowledge. Once

in the vehicle, they may become confused by the door opening mechanism or trapped in the trunk and unable to get out before heatstroke occurs.

**Prevention tips:**

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
- Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area. Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.
- Double-check the childcare dropoff plan with your spouse. Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare

**What you need to know, now:**

- Vehicles heat up quickly - even with a window rolled down two inches, if the outside temperature is in the low 80s° Fahrenheit, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes.
- Children's bodies overheat easily, and infants and children under four years of age are among those at

greatest risk for heat-related illness.

- Children's bodies absorb more heat on a hot day than an adult. They are not able to lower their body heat by sweating. When a body cannot sweat enough, the body temperature rises rapidly.

**Dangers of extreme heat:**

- Heatstroke warning signs vary but may include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, a throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, grouchiness, or acting strangely.
- If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

For more information on highway and traffic safety, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

**Editor's Note:** *This is part of a six-week series on vehicle safety for children. Next Week: Power Windows.*

# Tax filing deadline approaches, Marne tax centers offers assistance

**Randy Murray**  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Tax filing season ends April 15. If you have not already filed your taxes, Marne tax centers will remain open until April 30 to provide free tax preparation for active-duty Soldiers, retirees and eligible Family Members. A trained staff led by Fort Stewart's Legal Assistance Office is available to help you prepare and file your taxes on time. Both the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield tax centers are open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk-in and drop-off services are available, but when you come by the tax center, please bring the following documents:

- W-2 form for all wages received
- Military ID (self and spouse)
- Social Security card (or memo from SS Administration for self and/or Family Members)
- Power of Attorney if necessary
- Prior year tax return
- Proof of child/dependent care expenses
- Interest income statement (e.g., 1099INT)
- IRA/TSP Contribution Statements
- Dividend income statement (e.g., 1099DIV)

- Educator expenses and/or proof of educational expenses
  - State income tax return (prior year)
  - Receipts for charitable contributions
  - Property tax receipts
  - Home mortgage interest statement
  - HUD 1 statement (if home purchased in 2008)
  - Student loan interest statement
  - Divorce decree if applicable
  - Statements reflecting capital gains/loss
- Call 767-1040 for more information or an appointment at Stewart or 315-3675 for Hunter.

## Marne Voices Speak Out

Now that Fort Stewart has gone 100 days without a fatal accident, what can you do to make it 200?

“Be sure my Soldiers are properly briefed on safety.”

**Staff Sgt. William Perry**  
*3/7 Inf.*



“Always have a designated driver.”

**Sheena Knight**  
AAFES employee



“Continue to attend the motorcycle safety course”

**Sgt. 1st Class Harold Sullivan**  
*3/17 Cav.*



“Drive the speed limit and observe traffic laws.”

**Shawn Devore**  
*Army Civilian*



“Take a defensive driver's course.”

**Spc. Michael Groomes**  
*HHC, 48th BSTB*



“Watch the road.”

**Capt. Jeremiah Jones**  
*1st HBCT*



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# Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

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## Direct Select OCS is available

Find out about the division commander's Direct Select Officer Candidate School option. The division commander will directly select 20 Soldiers to attend OCS. The Direct Select to OCS option can help further your education and your service to our great nation as a commissioned officer. Contact your chain of command; applications are due to G1, May 8. Learn more at *usmilitary.about.com/od/armytrng*.

## 90-day rule is back

The "90-day window rule" is coming back to the retention program. If a Soldier is within 90 days of leaving the service, he or she cannot re-enlist. Soldiers who want to re-enlist and are within the 90-day window have to submit a DA Form 4187 signed by their company commander and endorsed by their battalion commander. In the remarks block of the 4187, Soldiers must state why they waited to re-enlist.

## Babysitting classes offered

The Hunter babysitting course is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at School Age Services. Call 315-5425 for more information. On

Stewart, the training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 8-9 and June 22-23 at the Youth Center, building 7338. For more information, call 767-2312.

There is no charge for the training. Upon completion of all required training, teens will receive a Red Cross first aid/infant and child CPR certification.

## Weekend dining facility hours posted

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility is the Provider Dining Facility, building 726 and the Vanguard Dining Facility, building 512. The Hunter Army Airfield weekend dining facility is the 1/75 Ranger Dining Facility, building 110. Weekend serving hours at both locations are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for dinner.

The Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902 (in the National Guard training area) is open every weekend. The WTB serving hours are breakfast 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner 5-6:30 p.m.

## Op Purple Camps now taking applications

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for Operation Purple Summer Camps. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of any uniformed servicemember, active-duty or reserve component. Register online at *http://www.nmfa.org*.

Registration will be open until midnight (Eastern Standard Time) April 20. Priority is given to military children with a parent deployed or deploying anytime between September 2008 and December 2009 and have not had the opportunity to attend an Operation Purple camp in the past.

## Stewart

### Construction affects Frank Cochran Drive

The parking lots at buildings 1137 and 1145 off of Frank Cochran Dr., are undergoing renovation until April 17, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please be aware of flagmen and expect delays during construction. Parking in these areas will be limited and pedestrians must use designated paths as construction barricades will restrict access during renovation. For further information, call 767-2010.

### Shoppette undergoes construction

Victory Shoppette is being renovated through June 30. Store and gas pumps will remain open until April 10. The store will close May 15 through June 25. For more information, please contact Terry Wheeler, Army Corps of Engineers, at 228-7451.

### Parking lot undergoes construction

The parking lot between William Wilson Avenue and building 637 will be partially closed for excavation until 5 p.m., Saturday. Only the South entrance and approximately 100 feet of parking will be affected. For more information, please contact Terry Wheeler, Army Corps of Engineers, at 228-7451.

## Hunter

### Ranger DFAC now open

The Ranger Dining Facility, building 110, is now open. Hours are 8 - 9:30 a.m. for breakfast; noon - 1:30 p.m. for lunch; and 4:30 - 6 p.m. for dinner. Join the Rangers for Seafood Thursdays!

## Balfour Beatty Communities

### Yard of the Month

It's that time of year again and spring is in the air! So, get out your rakes and shovels! We will be judging homes in every neighborhood on neatness, presentation and effort. At Stewart, two winners will be selected and awarded \$25 gift checks! Judging will take place, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday for all BBC housing areas.

At Hunter, the winner will be awarded a \$25 gift check, and judging will occur between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., April 10. And remember, if you don't win this month, there will be other chances until August!

### Easter races

Join in the fun egg races and activities at Stewart 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday at The Southern Oaks Community Center, and at Hunter 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at The New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center. This Easter inspired event will be an "egg-stremely" good time!

### Plant garden

Help make your community center beautiful by joining in the planting of the garden/flower beds at Fort Stewart, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., April 16, at The Southern Oaks

Community Center, and at Hunter 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., April 14, at The New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center. Come leave your own special touch!

### Take the Night

This ACS-sponsored event, scheduled for 5-8 p.m., April 22, is an international event with marches and rallies that signify a way to speak out against violence and raise community awareness as a preventive measure against future violence. Join us and ACS and take back the night in your neighborhood! The event

begins at The Southern Oaks Community Center for Stewart residents. At Hunter, the event will begin at the BBC easing Office between New Gannan and Wilson Acres at 6 p.m., April 28.

### Community huddle slated

We need your feedback! Please take advantage of this opportunity to sit down with a Balfour Beatty representative from 10:30-11 a.m., Friday at The New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center and discuss any ideas, issues or concerns you may have with your neighborhood.



## Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

### “The Learning Station” Children’s Concert

7 Apr., 9-11 a.m. – Club Stewart, Bldg 405

Join us for this delightfully engaging, lively production bursting with energy and guaranteed to have everyone singing, laughing and dancing in the aisles for children (ages 1-12). Event held in conjunction with “Month of the Military Child.” 767-3202

### GC Golf Scramble @ HAAF

8 Apr. Sign-up Deadline;

Shotgun Start 10 Apr., 8 a.m. – Hunter Golf Club, Bldg 8205

Kickoff event for 2009 tournament season. \$35 entry fee (DoD ID cardholders and Golf Club members) and \$40 civilian guest. Fee includes tournament fee, golf car, driving range balls, and tournament prizes. Mulligan's sold separately. First (25) foursomes accepted. 315-9115

### Pre-Teen Dance @ FS

10 Apr., 7-10 p.m. – Youth Center, Bldg 7338

Pre-Teens (grades 6-12) invited to Latin Night! Cost \$2 for everyone.

Call 767-4491 for more information.

### Easter Egg Hunts @ FS & HAAF

(FS) 11 Apr., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Youth Services Sports Fields

(behind School Age Services, Bldg 6571), 767-4491.

(HAAF) 11 Apr., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Youth Center,

Bldg 1289 & Child Development Center, Bldg 1284, 315-5708.

Egg hunts begin sharply at 10 a.m. Children's activities & Easter Bunny photo station at both locations. Parents are asked to arrive about 20 minutes early, so children may be placed (ages 1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10) at Stewart and (ages 0-4, 5-7, 8-10) at Hunter for egg hunt, which will last about 20 minutes. No charge. At Bunny Photo Station, parents have option of taking their own photos or paying for a professional photo.

### Afternoon Movie @ FS Library

11 Apr., 1-2:30 p.m. – George P. Hays Library, Bldg 411

Free afternoon movie for children. Limited space. 767-2828

### Easter Brunch @ FS & HAAF

12 Apr., 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Club Stewart,

Bldg 405; Hunter Club, Bldg 6015

Menu features breakfast items, roast beef carving station, ham, grilled lemon chicken breast, rice pilaf, candied yams, Prince Edward Island vegetable blend, roasted potatoes, corn soufflé, peach crepes, salad bar, assorted desserts and chocolate fountain. Cost \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (ages 4 and under) free. Call 368-2212 (FS) or 459-7923 (HAAF).

### Self Defense Classes for Teens/Females @ FS

14 Apr., 6 p.m., Corkan Teen Rec Ctr, Bldg 438 – Teens Self Defense Class.

27Apr., 6 p.m., Newman Fitness Ctr, Bldg 439 – Females Self Defense Class

For details, call 767-3781 (Teen Rec Ctr) or 767-3031 (Fitness Ctr)

### CYSS/SLO Monthly Information Series @ HAAF

15 Apr., 6-7 p.m. – School Age Services Center, Bldg 1289

Monthly information series. April's topic: how to advocate for your children in school (waivers and variances). Register thru CYSS registration office Friday before each class @ 315-5425.

For details, call School Liaison Office @ 315-6586.

### Destination Unknown Trip From FS

Reservation deadline 15 Apr.; Trip 16 Apr, 8-12 p.m.

Depart FS Leisure Travel Office, Bldg 443

Put trust in your guide and feel adventurous! Theme is “Clue.” Cost \$35 includes transportation and event admission. Children 12 and older welcome. Limited space. 767-2841



# CAB support Soldiers test combat gear

**Spc. Monica K. Smith**  
*CAB Public Affairs*

A wave of chlorobenzylidene malonitrile, or CS gas, floated across the dewy lawn as Soldiers began training. One by one, Soldiers began to sneeze as the peppery air filled their lungs. “Oh, they’re cookin’ it hot for you guys,” said one of the trainers.

The Soldiers, members of 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, participated in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) training at Fort Stewart, March 26.

“We’re preparing everybody in case of an attack,” said Sgt. Andrew Guiher, Company B. “We’re making sure everyone knows what to do when situations occur, how to react to them and how to set up their equipment. People just don’t know how to set their equipment up, or how to take care of their equipment.”

## Year of the NCO means year of the boss

**Pvt. Erik S. Anderson**  
*3rd HBCT Public Affairs*

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – I have been a disc jockey, a notary public and a small business owner. Today finds me as a public affairs specialist with the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

In almost every job, I experienced a different type of boss. Whether it was the micro-managing type who was constantly looking over my shoulder or the absentee that gave me all the freedom in the world, as long as I

wasn’t screwing up and making them look bad, I was good.

I’ve even been a boss myself, and although I would really like to think that my employees look back and think of me fondly, I realize that is probably not the case. I had responsibilities and a bottom line to watch, and that is not very helpful in making friends out of subordinates.

In this “Year of the Noncommissioned Officer,” the Army is recognizing the Soldiers who provide the backbone of its ranks.

As a young private (and I use

the term "young" loosely) I have certain expectations of what a sergeant will be like. As a 29-year-old man, I have a different set of expectations for a boss.

Speaking as Pvt. Anderson, I expect my sergeant to guide me through my military career. There are more procedures and paperwork to follow than I thought possible. I look for the help of an experienced NCO to navigate the maze that is my Army life.

I want my NCO to recognize my input to the mission of the unit. They should realize what I am capable of and give me the

tools needed to make them look good, as well as myself.

I extend my expectations of a boss to a more personal level. We all put our pants on the same way in the morning, and I expect to be treated as a person.

I will always have my boss’ back, no matter what kind of craziness we have going on in our shop. Likewise, I want my boss to have my back, because I am his Soldier.

Army NCOs reached their rank for a reason far beyond their time in service. They have been promoted because of their proficien-

cy in their career field and have been deemed capable of passing their knowledge to junior servicemembers.

The rank of sergeant, to me, carries a tremendous amount of responsibility. NCOs are expected to be experts in their field and manage the lives of Soldiers who might not always make the best decisions. I would like to think that I am making it easy on my sergeants because I’m an old guy that should know better, but, we all know that isn’t the case. So to my sergeants and all the NCOs Army wide, this year’s for you.

## SERGEANTS

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“You’ve got to understand that being a noncommissioned officer is the greatest thing in the world,” Johnson during his speech. “Soldiers are looking at you; it doesn’t matter what day you got promoted. You are a sergeant; you are part of something great. There is nothing greater than a United States Army NCO.”

The battalion held the ceremony to welcome 25 new sergeants into the NCO Corps.

“We want to let these Soldiers know what being an NCO means and its sig-

nificance,” explained 260th QM Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Williams.

The induction ceremony was the unit’s third this year, and is a large part of their celebration of the Year of the NCO. The ceremony included a Color Guard that featured the uniforms of NCOs past and present, as well as a recitation of the Army’s history, the Soldier’s Creed, A Soldier’s Request and the NCO Creed. Congratulation videos from the 3rd Infantry Division and 3rd Sustainment Brigade command teams were also played through-

out the ceremony.

“Throughout the Division... everybody is talking about getting back to basics, which means NCOs taking responsibility,” Williams said. “Ceremonies are a part of what we do. We can talk about it, but when they see it, they understand what it means.”

The significance of the event wasn’t lost on the NCOs it honored. Williams’ driver, Sgt. Kory Smith, said he’d been in the Army five years and had never seen such a ceremony.

## MI professionals to start MICA chapter

**Spc. Ben Hutto,**  
*3rd HBCT Public Affairs*

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – Military intelligence professionals assigned to Fort Benning are attempting to create a Military Intelligence Corps Association chapter at the installation.

MICA is a professional organization of the US Army’s Military Intelligence Corps and is open to active-duty and reserve Soldiers, retired Soldiers and defense contractors, who support the MI Corps’ mission of keeping the Army “Always Out Front”.

The chapter will be called the Col. George Sharpe chapter, in honor of the first director of the Army’s first

intelligence unit. Sharpe was credited with merging information from a variety of sources, including interrogations, cavalry reports and newspaper articles to get a total picture of the nation’s battlefield during the Civil War. The preparation of all intelligence reports was the first time that approach had been used since George Washington used it during the Revolutionary War.

Military intelligence professionals hope that by merging the multiple intelligence sources in one location at Fort Benning that the Army, as a whole, will benefit.

All interested intelligence professionals can contact Sgt. 1st Class Michael Clark at 706-464-1178.

## Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. 1st Class Randy S. Abrams,**, Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact 1st Lt. Robert Seale, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314 at 912-312-4055.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Jason A. Kouis,** Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31313, contact 1st Lt. David Baez, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314 at 912-767-7220 or 813-495-3141.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Adam S. Gage,** Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 260th Quartermast Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, contact 2nd Lt. Scott Bata, 473rd QM Co., 260th QM Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, phone 912-315-8060.

## Scholarship registration opens for Family Members

### Education Center

The ThanksUSA Scholarship Program plans to award 500 scholarships for \$3000 each this year. Only the first 10,000 applications received will be processed. All Family Members, age 24 and under (as of the May 15 application deadline), and all spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school. For undergraduate degrees only. They must also have at least a 2.5 cumulative

grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on their relevant academic record. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic record and demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, and a goal statement. Preference will be given to children or spouses of service personnel killed or injured during active duty. For information about ThanksUSA's Scholarship Program and to download the guidelines and application, go to [www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html](http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html). The application deadline is May 15.

# Education Matters



## SFAC offers education assistance

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield Education Centers are supporting our Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being conducted by Central Texas College.

To enroll, Warriors must have an account on the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit can now receive educational and college program advice from their new guidance counselor, Janeen Rosenberg, who is located in the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, at 777 E. 10th St. or call 767-3328. Warriors at Hunter may see Fay Ward, education center counselor, at building 1290, or call 767-8331.

## One week, daytime courses available

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour daytime college classes that you can complete in just one week. Classes meet for three hours and are available during the morning or afternoon. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for General Studies, computer and management degrees. Choose from such courses as Effective Writing, Word Processing and Spreadsheet Applications, Personal Financial Management, Managerial Planning, and Prevention of Sexual Harassment. Active-duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor

for a course override. For a list of future courses, go to your education center or call CTC at 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181 at Hunter.

## Webster offers opportunities to Soldiers

Webster University has created the Professional Enrichment Scholarship for Alumni (PESA) in response to the current economic situation by lowering the cost of graduate degree programs as much as 50 percent. The scholarship is for those who graduated from Webster in May 2008 or earlier, and are interested in a Sequential (second) Masters degree. More information can be found at; <http://www.webster.edu/pesalfaq.shtml>.

Also, Webster University is forming a Delta Mu Delta Honor Society for Management and Leadership MBA graduates. Students must have a final GPA of 3.95, or above. For more information please go to: [www.deltamudelta.org](http://www.deltamudelta.org).

For additional information on these programs, contact Dan Duggan at Stewart, 876-8080 or Marsha Sands at Hunter, 354-0033. Webster University ([www.webster.edu/lfts](http://www.webster.edu/lfts)) was listed as one of the top ten colleges for adults on *MSN.com*.

## Savannah Tech informational sessions

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain its college/certificate/diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different

program of study every other Tuesday at 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100 at Stewart. Upcoming meetings will cover Surgical Technology, April 7 and Auto Collision Repair, April 21 (both programs are offered in Savannah.)

Of special interest to Family Members may be the recently introduced Technical Communication Specialist certificate, which enables much of the curriculum to transfer to area colleges. Many required courses for Savannah Tech's programs are taught at the Sgt.1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. For more information, go to [www.savannahtech.edu](http://www.savannahtech.edu) and [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact the Savannah Tech Campus in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah, 443-5700.

## E-mail counselor support made available

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop e-mail address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at [stewcounselor@conus.army.mil](mailto:stewcounselor@conus.army.mil).

## Standardized testing available

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$90 and DSSTs are \$100 for non-military examinees.

## DHR Spotlight: Fay Ward

### Special to the Frontline

Fay Ward works as an Education Counselor at the Hunter Army Education Center. Throughout her career, she has performed tasks in all areas of Army Education. Ward began as an instructor helping Soldiers prepare for advancement in their Army careers. She was also the head instructor for the College of Charleston GED Completion Program, an instructor for Central Texas College Basic Skills and Advanced Skills programs, and an adjunct professor for Saint Leo University. Eventually, she took charge

of the Hunter Army Learning Center.

Ward has been so successful in her work at Hunter Army Air Field that U.S. Army Forces Command sent representatives to Hunter to try to capture the uniqueness of the operation. When an opportunity opened to be the CTC Site Coordinator at Hunter, Ward approached that challenge with enthusiasm. One of the highlights of the position occurred

Stewart- Hunter Army Airfield CTC presented their first graduate at the Stewart-Hunter graduation ceremony.

Ward said it was an honor to be a part of the beginning of a great tradition.

Later, Ward was offered a position as Assistant Director at the Hunter Child Development Center. While there, Ward was presented a FORSCOM Coin and Certificate of Excellence for leading the Hunter CDS Team in their pursuit of a National

Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation. The Hunter CDS was the second CDS in Chatham County to earn this recognition of excellence.

To prepare to be one of the best Army counselors, Ward completed a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at the University of Arkansas, and two Master of Education Degrees from Georgia Southern University, in Adult Education and Counseling. Ward states it is an honor to belong to an organization whose principle mission is to serve those who defend our freedoms.



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# ASK THE JUDGE: Beware of scams targeting military

**Katherine Ingram**  
**Jason Young**  
*Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office*

**Q:** *What exactly is a scam?*

**A:** A scam is a fraudulent or deceptive act or operation, usually designed to trick people into giving up money or personal identification. There are many types of scams. Scams can be found in unsolicited emails (“spam”), telemarketing phone calls, direct mail advertising or newspaper advertisements, among other places. Usually scams involve offers that appear too good to be true. They offer ways a person can earn “thousands a day” working at home, or get a pre-approved loan regardless of your credit for just a little money up front. All of these scams are targeting information or your money. Never give out account numbers, social security number or personal information.

**Q:** *I recently heard that there were scams out there specifically targeting the military. Is this true?*

**A:** Unfortunately, it is true that there have been a number of reports of scams that are specifically targeting military members. In a recent scam, a Soldier gets a letter claiming the recipient has won a sweepstakes. A check will be enclosed with the letter. Both the letter and the check will appear to be very real. Watch out - they are not real. The letter will tell you to cash the check and use the money to pay a tax agent. The predator hopes you send a check to pay your taxes on fake winnings. Why? Because sending a predator a check will give them enough information to steal your identity and any money in your bank account.

**Q:** *How can I tell if an offer I receive is just a scam?*

**A:** Because there are so many types of scams, if you receive any offer

that seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do your research. There are Web sites that help consumers investigate companies and identify offers that could turn out to be a scam. Some of these Web sites include: *www.scambusters.com*, *www.fakechecks.org*, *www.ripoffreport.com*, and *www.ftc.gov/sentinel*. In addition, search engines such as Google and Yahoo will help you research businesses to find out if they are legitimate. Finally and most importantly: use your legal assistance office. We are happy to assist you in determining if an offer is legitimate.

**Q:** *What do I do if I am the victim of a scam?*

**A:** If you believe that you have been a victim of a scam, you should contact your local law enforcement as well as file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at *FTC.gov*. If the scam occurred in Georgia, you can file a complaint with the Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs. Complaints filed with this agency alleging fraud may form the basis for an investigation into a company’s business practices.

A significant quantity of complaints about a business may give rise to legal action—not on behalf of the individual complainants, but to enforce state or federal law.

Unfortunately, there is little that can be done to get back the money that you’ve been scammed out of. You need to do your research before sending money to an unsolicited organization.

Please see us in legal assistance before you send any money.

**Q:** *Other than scams aimed at military members, what other scams do I need to look out for?*

**A:** New scams come up every day, so you always need to be on the lookout for deals that seem too good to be true. Some of the scams that seem to keep coming up in one form or another include:

## Advance-fee loans

These scams promise a guaranteed loan or credit in return for upfront payments as “insurance” on the loan before you receive your money. Companies that promise these types of loan often claim to be legitimate lenders and provide telephone numbers and addresses that appear real. However, upon further investigation, you will quickly find out that their addresses do not exist or that the phone number you are calling is in Canada, and no one ever answers the phone on the other end. These scammers require the consumer to wire money to them using Western Union or another money transfer company, giving only the name of an individual and account number. In order to protect yourself against this type of scam, you should always remember that you should never be required to pay upfront for a loan. Legitimate lenders may charge application or credit report fees, but these fees are usually taken out of the amount of the loan and are paid once the loan is approved, not upfront.

## Work at home schemes

These scams include opportunities to work from your home doing jobs that require relatively little labor, promising that you’ll make thousands of dollars in your spare time. The problem with these scams is that you usually have to send money to get started or to get the supplies that you’ll need to start your “home business.” It is only after you send this money that you find out that there was never actually an employment opportunity in the first place or that the opportunity involved an explanation on how you can start your own work at home.

## Vacation prize promotions

These scams usually involve sending out certificates stating that a person has “won” a fabulous vacation prize. The trick to these scams is that the vacation you book will not be the same as it appears on the brochure, or you’ll be asked to pay additional fees for “upgrades” or to schedule the date you want. Sometimes these scams require you to send a payment to secure your vacation, but when you call to schedule

you find out there was never a vacation in the first place.

## Scholarship scams

These scams involve offers of college scholarships or services in helping students find money for college. These scams can come in many forms including services that offer assistance in finding college scholarships for an upfront fee, a prize notification that requires the student to pay a fee before the prize can be released, or notices that offer free financial aid seminars or interviews for scholarship funds. Usually, these scholarship services never find any money for the students, the scholarship funds are never received, or the “free” seminar turns into a sales pitch for financial aid consulting services, investment products or overpriced student loan providers.

## Other scams from e-mails

These scams usually involve soliciting money for disaster victims or deployed Soldiers who are having financial problems because of their deployment. These e-mails appear to be from reputable charitable organizations, but they are usually sent by individuals who have cut and pasted a logo onto their e-mail. Other e-mail scams involve notices that you’ve had a “close” family member die in a foreign country, and you’ve been left a substantial gift in their will. The only requirement for receiving this gift is that you send an “attorney fee” or other payment up front, usually by direct deposit or wire transfer. Once you send the fee, you find out that you never had a great uncle Frank. Some e-mail scams involve individuals who pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send messages to get you to reveal your personal information. Similar to the Red Cross Scam, once they have obtained your personal information you may find yourself the victim of identity theft.

The Legal Assistance Office will assist you in determining the validity of any offer. Please make an appointment to speak with a legal assistance attorney. Fort Stewart – building 621, call 767-8809/8819; Hunter – building 1211, call 315-5115.

# Child Abuse Prevention Month gains support by being ‘blue’

**Pam Holmes**  
*Fort Stewart New Parent Support Program*

Every day three children in the U.S. die as a result of maltreatment. More children die from neglect than abuse in the U.S. One in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Seventy-five percent of high school dropouts and 85 percent of long-term prisoners experienced abuse or neglect. Forty-five percent of abused children become adult alcoholics.

Tragically, the highest rate of child maltreatment occurs to our youngest and most vulnerable children under the age of three. In addition, younger children die more often than older children from abuse and neglect.

To raise awareness about the impact of child maltreatment and its prevention, the blue ribbon campaign is held each year during the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Throughout the month, the community is encouraged to wear a blue ribbon to symbolize their commitment to protect children and end child abuse and neglect.

The campaign was initiated in 1989 by a Virginia grandmother, Bonnie Finney, as a tribute to her grandson.

Three-year-old Michael Wayne Dickinson was killed by his mother’s abusive boyfriend, and his battered body was found at the bottom of a canal. Following her grandson’s death, Finney started a personal crusade to help children by tying a blue ribbon to her van to remind herself and others of the terrible beatings her grandson sustained.

This action touched so many people in her community that it spread from neighbors to the media and eventually grabbed the nation’s attention.

Today, the blue ribbon has become the national symbol of child abuse and a constant reminder of the need to protect our children.

The good news is that child abuse is preventable. April’s observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to remind ourselves of our collective responsibility to prevent the abuse and neglect that robs so many of our society’s children of their childhood, their sense of security and well-being.

There are multiple ways you can contribute to the success of Child Abuse Prevention Month:

- Wear a blue ribbon and support the prevention of child abuse.
- Listen to kids. Learn about their needs. Support them in your community, workplace and schools.
- Support parents and caregivers. with resources. Encourage their support of their child’s growth.
- Get involved. ACT NOW!
- Know what to do if you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected.

For more information, contact Army Community Service by calling 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.



# Challengers train to secure life-line to Warriors

**Sgt. Jason Stadel**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

The supply routes in Iraq and Afghanistan are the lifeline to combat troops fighting on the ground. During a convoy live-fire exercise held March 24 at Forward Operating Base Challenger, a make-shift FOB on the Fort Stewart training grounds, the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, honed their skills to make sure they can deliver the supplies and support troops in a combat situation.

The Challenger battalion has a forward support company attached to all of the maneuver units which deliver supplies and support to the brigade as well as a medical company that provides medical assistance.

As the combat logistics patrol rolled from the gates of FOB Challenger, they had to encounter numerous obstacles and scenarios. The engagements included Soldiers playing Iraqi civilians, road blocks, and ambush-type scenarios.

Each scenario took about two hours to complete and consisted of five trucks.

"We want to give these Soldiers the most realistic training possible," Capt. Brad Coule, the officer in charge of the training, said. "We are the life support of the brigade."

"We're able to fix, fuel, feed and sustain the brigade," said Capt. Bradley Hudson, the battalion's training officer. "That way, the maneuver guys can focus on what they do and we go and get all the supplies for them."

Hudson said by sustaining the brigade, the Challenger battalion faces numerous situations in which they are required to make crucial decisions to accomplish their mission, such as encountering an improvised explosive device or violent extremist gun fire, which makes convoy training relevant to the Soldiers.

With a battlefield in which the enemy combatants easily blend in with the civilian population, the Soldiers need to be ready for any situation.

"We're teaching them to be able to distinguish and observe what civilians are threats versus what civilians are going about their daily routines out there," Coule said.



Sgt. Jason Stadel

**A Soldier tells an acting opposing forces civilian to back away from a convoy during the 26th BSB, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID's convoy live-fire exercise training on Fort Stewart, March 24.**

During the exercise, the Soldiers conducted numerous "dry runs" before they were evaluated by observer controllers.

The battalion has many new Soldiers that have never been a part of any deployment rotation, which is the reason the training was as realistic as possible, Hudson said.

He said the Soldiers need to build "muscle memory" so they don't need to think, but rather react to combat situations.

Coule said the Soldiers were receptive to the training.

"The Soldiers seem to be getting a lot out of it, and they're getting better," he said.

## 26th BSB cooks keep Soldiers fueled, morale up

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As the trucks roll in from the field, the smell of freshly cooked prime rib greets the dusty Soldiers of the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Looking forward to a hot meal, they quickly wash up at the hand washing station and then line up for chow. The "92 Golfs" – cooks in plain English – are there to meet them, serving prime rib, mashed potatoes, and peas and carrots.

Sergeant First Class Michael Aten is the noncommissioned officer in charge of ensuring all the Soldiers in 26th BSB get the fuel they need to complete the mission. He works with four other Soldiers to ensure that the Soldiers get the best meal possible.

"This guy is only constrained by his imagination!" said Lt. Col. James

Kazmierczak, commander of the 26th BSB.

Officially, the Army provides a rotating menu of seven breakfasts and 14 dinners, but the creativity of Aten and the other 92Gs greatly improves on the set rotation said Kazmierczak.

Food is a big part of morale out in the field, and Aten and his crew take their responsibility very seriously. They consistently go the extra mile to ensure Soldiers have the best experience possible. Their efforts include garnishing dishes, slicing meat at the serving line and providing snacks and other goodies to the Soldiers in a tent open 24 hours a day.

Sergeant Juan Palacios said that the food has enhanced his time in the field.

"My favorite was the steak and eggs for breakfast," he said. Palacios went on to explain how he had taken a piece

of cheesecake and placed it a cup to create a "cup cake."

"The tacos are awesome!" said Spc. Edwin Hernandez-Gunn while lining up for dinner.

Aten enjoys his job, especially keeping Soldiers well-fed.

"There's a lot of favorite parts," he said. "When all the people say 'outstanding chow,' it really boosts the Soldiers' morale."

Their day starts at about 5 a.m. when they begin making the breakfast they laid out the night before. Soldiers begin eating at 6 a.m. and have a variety of things to choose from including fresh fruit, oatmeal and grits.

Meals are prepared in a mobile kitchen trailer. Inside the MKT are several burners running on jet propellant 8. Atop the burners that heat large rectangular pots cooking several different portions of a unitized group ration.

The UGRs contain a well-balanced meal consisting of a meat, starch and vegetable.

Every MKT can serve approximately 250 meals but can more than double that when 2 MKTs work in tandem or when a company-level field feeding system is attached. The MKT also has tactical improvements that allow it to be used down range in a blackout situation.

In blackout situations, curtains are attached to keep the light needed to prepare the meal and to conceal the location of the MKT.

"It gets very, very hot, like a sauna," remarked Aten.

The 92Gs will take their MKT wherever the fight is to ensure that Soldiers get the food needed to be effective in combat. They also work hard to ensure that each Soldier is getting a good meal and a personal experience.





(LEFT) More than 50 members of the Korean press took photos of Soldiers from 1/64th Armor, 2nd BCT during a media day held at Rodriquez Live Fire Complex, March 18. (RIGHT) Specialist Charles Kim and Spc. Garrett Butts, HHC, 1/64th Armor, 2nd BCT, participate in the squad live-fire training during a 10-day field training exercise held at Rodriquez Live Fire Complex, March 17.



Photos by Spc. Dustin Gautney

# Foal Eagle in full spin for Desert Rogues



Soldiers from 1/64th Armor, 2nd BCT, move to secure an objective during the squad live fire training during a 10-day field training exercise.

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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Nearly 58 years to the day, Soldiers from 1st Battalion 64th Armor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division returned to the Republic of Korea near the North Korean Border, March 20, the same ground former Desert Rogues helped secure during the Korean War as part of Task Force Hawkins.

The trip gave Soldiers the opportunity, upon completing 10 consecutive days of training, to see the history which has shaped the Korean peninsula since the Korean War.

The training, which was part of the Desert Rogues' deployment to the Republic of Korea for the joint and combined military training exercise with Korean military forces, took place within the

Rodriquez Live Fire Complex in Pocheon, Korea.

"This training has better prepared our Soldiers to fight and win anywhere and anytime," said Lt. Col. Ross Coffman, 1/64th Armor commander.

During the 10 days of training, Soldiers were able to polish their skills during the squad live-fire course, convoy operations, medical evacuation training and urban combat training. Soldiers furthered their experience on tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, and Howitzer field artillery during various scenarios inside the highly advanced Rodriquez Live Fire Complex tank and Bradley range.

"It was definitely some high-speed training," said Staff Sgt. Levin Rolland, Forward Support Company, 1/64th Armor.

Rolland, normally a truck driver, participated

in the squad live-fire, urban combat training and medical evacuation training that that is normally reserved for infantry Soldiers.

"It made me want to be an infantryman, watching my Soldiers really get into the training; it definitely gave me a whole new respect for the infantry," Rolland said.

The squad live-fire course, which focused on basic combat infantrymen skills, required a squad of Soldiers to move as a team and neutralize enemy positions and bunkers.

"It may be a basic Soldier skill, but it definitely is a perishable skill," said Rolland.

After several days of training, the culminating event, the Bradley Squad Section Exercise, tested the coordination between Bradley crews and dismounted infantry teams, as well as fire support from

Howitzer field artillery, said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Raab, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/64th Armor, master gunner for the exercise.

"The BSSE allows Bradley squads the opportunity to work as a team and pushes their ability to coordinate their efforts to lay down maximum fire power on a single target," Raab said.

The training offered many growing experiences for Soldiers and leaders, allowing junior non-commissioned officers and lieutenants to take on new responsibilities and challenges, Coffman said.

"I witnessed team leaders become squad leaders and officers, especially young lieutenants, develop as platoon leaders," Coffman said. "For myself I realized that I have grown and learned as a battalion commander from this experience."

# MWR, USO Korea provide entertainment

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**CAMP CARROLL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA** - Task Force Hawkins II, comprised of Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division and 2nd Battery, 5th Field Artillery Regiment out of Fort Sill, Okla., took time to enjoy the storied history of the Republic of Korea and participated in an array of sporting events and competition after 10 days of field training as part of the ROK's joint military exercise, Foal Eagle 2009, March 25.

After completing the training inside Rodriquez Live Fire Complex, Soldiers

were granted the chance to visit the Republic of Korea's demilitarized zone, or DMZ, at the border of North Korea.

The DMZ, an area historically of great conflict on the Korean peninsula, allowed Soldiers to see the tension between North Korea and the Republic of Korea first-hand, said Staff Sgt. Michael Shannon, Company A, 1/64th Armor.

Shannon was allowed the unique opportunity of taking the oath of enlistment within a few feet of the hostile border and within sight of North Korean Soldiers.

"It was absolutely intense taking the oath and seeing the faces of the North Koreans in the very nearby watch tower,"

said Shannon.

The small ceremony for the oath of enlistment took place on a small bridge, deemed the "bridge of no return," which was originally built to transfer prisoners of war after the Korean War.

In 1976, two Army officers were murdered near the bridge by North Korean soldiers while cutting down a tree which blocked the view of the bridge from a nearby watch tower.

"It was astonishing to be in a place with so much history and take the oath directly in the face of a hostile nation," said Shannon. "It was by far the coolest thing I've had the opportunity to do during my military career."

Upon returning from the DMZ,

Soldiers were granted the opportunity to rest and sponsored by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation center at Camp Carroll, Korea.

Soldiers took part in numerous tournaments including nine-ball pool, ping-pong, horseshoes, basketball and softball. Movies and a barbeque were also provided.

"The help from the MWR staff and facilities has been spot on," said Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Wilson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/64th Armor.

"It was very important that the Soldiers got to wind down after completing 10 straight days and nights of intense training in support of Foal Eagle 2009," Wilson said.



# MEDEVAC Soldiers perform hoist training

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“When you’re about 10 feet from the ground, extend your arms out at your sides,” yelled a crew chief. “As you get closer to the ground, bring your hands to the top of your head, so when you touch the ground, your hands are on your head.”

A Soldier, dangling from the outside of the Black Hawk, nodded to signal she understood. The crew chief pushed a red button, and the Soldier began to descend to the ground.

“We’re practicing hoist operations that we’ll be doing when we deploy,” said Sgt. Matthew Gomes, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. “It’s

what we do when we are unable to land the aircraft. (That way,) we are still able to get a medic down to the patient and bring the patient up to the aircraft.”

Company C, a medical evacuation company with 2/3 Avn., conducted the Higher Performance Rescue Hoist or HPU training at Hunter Army Airfield, March 19.

The HPU is the device the MEDEVAC team uses when lowering or lifting individuals. Able to hold 600 pounds, the HPU is an important piece of equipment to have in difficult situations both abroad and at home.

“Here in Georgia, there is always a possibility, with all the water, that we won’t be able to land the aircraft,” said Gomes. “We would use this asset to pick up people,

but we have to practice our technique and control so we don’t injure anyone. We’re fine tuning our abilities to stay proficient, like (most Soldiers) do with (their) weapon.”

Before using the HPU a 250-pound block is lowered the full length of the 250-foot cable to ensure the cable is coiled tight when the weight is brought back up to the Black Hawk.



Photos by Spc. Monica Smith

***A Black Hawk casts a shadow on the grass as Sgt. Matthew Gomes, C Co., 2/3rd Avn., monitors a Higher Performance Rescue Hoist as it lifts a 250-pound block to the helicopter at Hunter Army Airfield, March 19. The weight was lowered the full length of the 250-foot cable to ensure the cable is coiled tight when the weight is brought all the way back up.***

Proper operation of the HPU entails four phases. The first consists of a call to signal when the medic should get hooked up to the HPU. During the second phase, the aircraft makes a pattern around the potential landing site for reconnaissance and to assess the situation. Phase three is the recovery phase in which a medic is lowered, the patient is brought up and then the medic is brought up. The air-

craft leaves the pick-up site in the final phase.

“We’re simulating the phases, but it’s good training just in case there is a need or a call for it,” said Chief Warrant Officer Victor Stephens, a pilot in C Co. “There may be some situations where all we have is just a hole in the roof of a building, and we need to be as speedy as possible, but as safe as possible.”



***Sergeant Matthew Gomes, C Co., 2/3rd Avn., monitors a Higher Performance Rescue Hoist as it lifts a 250-pound block to a Black Hawk at Hunter Army Airfield, March 19.***

***RIGHT: Specialist Zackery Blansett, C Co., 2/3rd Avn., hooks a block to a Higher Performance Rescue Hoist as Sgt. Matthew Gomes, also with C Co., watches, at Hunter Army Airfield, March 19.***





# 3HBCT Soldiers train to defeat IEDs

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**FORT BENNING, Ga.** - Noncommissioned officers assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, attended a four-day class at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center, March 24-27, designed to demonstrate effective ways to teach their subordinates how to

identify and defeat improvised explosive devices and explosive formed projectiles.

The class, taught by the Joint Asymmetrical Threat and Counter-IED group from Fort Benning, displayed the latest tactics and equipment used by insurgent fighters against Coalition Forces.

"Statistically speaking, we are neutralizing more IEDs than ever before, due to train-

ing like this," said Lance DeLong, the program director. "Classes like this one have made our Soldiers better equipped to negotiate those threats."

Soldiers viewed a variety of IEDs and firing devices, and were shown how insurgents employ and emplace them.

"This class was very detailed," said Sgt. Jose Parra, an NCO in Company G, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion. "Classes like this one have improved a lot since the last time I deployed in 2007."

Louis Francis, a retired first sergeant who served in the 3rd HBCT for eight years and now works for Fort Benning's IED Defeat Team, agreed with Parra.

"We were somewhat prepared when we first went over there, but we didn't know exactly what the enemy was doing," he said. "Now we have a better idea



Photos by Spc. Ben Hutto

**The Joint Asymmetrical Threat and Counter-IED group assigned to Fort Benning, displays a typical improvised explosive device during a class, at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center at Fort Benning, Ga., March 24-27.**

of how they emplace IEDs as well as the tactics and components they use. This information allows our Soldiers to identify those components and get them out of the insurgent's hands when they search warehouses and homes."

DeLong was impressed with his students' knowledge.

"The class was very attentive," he said. "We have a lot of experienced veterans that shared their experiences. That type of cross-pollination betters the group as a whole and really adds depth to the class."

DeLong stressed that the main point of the class was to help the NCOs in attendance become better trainers.

"We aren't here to just teach tactics and how Soldiers should respond," he said. "We are trying to teach the Soldiers here how to train their subordinates to counter those tactics."

To aid in that task, DeLong's group left the 3rd HBCT all of their training materials and props so that they can effectively replicate what they have learned.



**Lance DeLong, a program director for Joint Asymmetrical Threat and Counter-IED group assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., teaches a class of noncommissioned officers of the 3 HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division, how to identify and defeat improvised explosive devices and explosive formed projectiles.**



## Desert Rogues leave lasting mark on Republic of Korea

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**Specialist Reed Gilbert and Spc. Tyrone Porter, Company B, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division helped leave a lasting reminder at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex after completing 10 days of training as part of the Desert Rogues' deployment to the Republic of Korea for the annual joint training event with Korean military forces, Foal Eagle 2009. Visiting units to the Korean training ground traditional leave painted rocks of the units or task forces colors, March 22.**